

# MEETING OUTLINE

## Health and Human Services Interim Committee

May 16, 2007, 9-12

### A. TODAY'S OBJECTIVES: ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Who are the uninsured?
2. How much could coverage be increased using existing programs?
3. What alternatives are there to modifying or expanding existing programs?
4. What efforts are already underway in the community to expand coverage or reform health care?
5. Are there specific proposals or approaches about which the committee would like additional information?

### B. PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (60 minutes, including questions)

1. Who are the uninsured (by age, income, length of uninsurance, etc.)?
2. How many uninsured (number of persons and percentage of uninsured) could be covered under existing programs by enhancing outreach, increasing funding, expanding eligibility, or otherwise modifying the programs? What would each approach cost and how many people, by demographic groupings, would each cover?
  - a. UPP (Medicaid subsidy for employer-based coverage)
    - i. At \$150
    - ii. At higher levels of subsidy
  - b. CHIP
    - i. At existing 200% level
    - ii. At higher income levels
  - c. Medicaid (including PCN, but not including UPP)
    - i. If existing eligibles were enrolled
    - ii. Through various types of expansions
3. Are there creative public/private approaches or general health care market reforms that might reach populations not covered by public programs? How much might each of these approaches reduce the uninsured rate and how much might each cost? Examples of approaches:
  - i. Arrangements that combine an employee contribution, an employer contribution, an employer tax benefit, and a Medicaid or other public subsidy (or some combination of these) to make the purchase of coverage more likely.
  - ii. Requiring students at institutions of higher education to have coverage.
  - iii. Allowing mandate-optional health plans (to be studied this year by the Business & Labor Interim Committee).
  - iv. Utilizing Primary-Care-Network-equivalent plans (already allowed, but not used).
  - v. Modification to or exemptions from the basic benefit plan.
  - vi. Making purchasing alliances a viable option (already permitted, but very little interest).
  - vii. Allowing small business groups to participate in some other type of shared risk pool?
  - viii. Tax code modifications.
  - ix. Reinsurance
  - x. Etc.

**C. PRESENTATIONS BY SEVERAL UTAH GROUPS (OR INDIVIDUALS) DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM (90 minutes, including questions)**

1.
  - a. Utah Medical Association
    - Report on UMA efforts to develop a proposal
  - b. United Way
    - Report on United Way's effort to address health care coverage as a component of overall financial stability
  - c. Governor's Office of Economic Development
    - GOED's role in developing a plan to make health insurance more available to small business employees (during the 2007 General Session, the Legislatures appropriated \$350,000 to GOED for this purpose)
  - d. Rep. Mascaro
    - Make the case that small business needs some type of mechanism to obtain insurance at lower rates
    - Background
      - Rep. Mascaro ran legislation in 2006 that passed the House 38-35-2, but was not considered by the Senate (passed the House about one week before the end of the session). The legislation would have allowed participation in PEHP.
      - In 2007 Rep. Mascaro ran legislation that would have created a task force to study the issue. The legislation was amended in the Business & Labor Standing Committee to remove the reference to PEHP and was not passed out.
  - e. Utah Health Insurance Association
    - UHIA pay or play proposal
  - f. Utah Health Policy Project
    - Report on recent Utah Health Cooperative proposal
  - g. UHA: Utah Hospitals And Health Systems
    - Report on the Utah Hospital Association's efforts to develop a health reform proposal

**D. COMMITTEE WRAP-UP (15 minutes)**

1. Review highlights of meeting and determine how to follow-up at future meetings
  - In what areas does the committee need additional information?
  - Would the committee like to schedule follow-up reports from any of today's presenters?
  - Are committee members interested in working on the development of any proposal discussed today?